

The above comprises Applicant's statement of substance in response to the August 22, 2004 Interview Summary.

Status of the Application

Claims 1-35 are all the claims pending in the Application. Claims 1-7, 13, 28, 30 and 34 stand rejected.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-12, 20-27, 29, 31 and 32 are allowed, and that claims 14-19, 33 and 35 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner hold in abeyance any rewriting of claims 14-19, 33 and 35 until the Examiner has had an opportunity to reconsider (and withdraw) the prior art rejection of their base claims.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has again rejected claims 1-6, 13, 28, 30 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Hirzmann* (US 6,535,394 B1; hereinafter “*Hirzmann*”), and claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hirzmann*. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claims 1 and 13

Applicant respectfully submits that *Hirzmann* fails to teach or suggest that the ground connecting member “extends from said substrate toward said compensating member” and “directly resiliently contacts said compensating member,” as recited in claims 1 and 13.

An exemplary embodiment of this recited relationship is shown in FIG. 2 of the Application, which is reproduced below in inverted form with element numbers added for

clarity. In the exemplary embodiment, ground connecting member 1 “extends from” substrate 2 “toward” compensating member 4 and “directly resiliently contacts” compensating member 4. The direct resilient contact is provided by the triangularly shaped metal spacer.

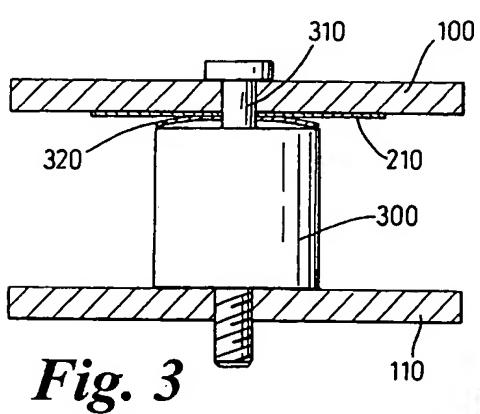


Fig. 3

Fig. 3 Of Hirzmann

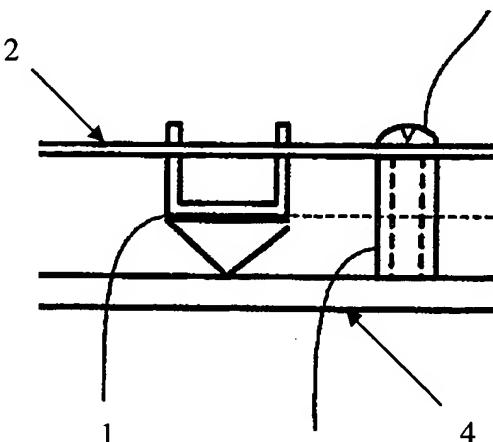


Fig. 2 Of The Instant Application

The Examiner alleges that *Hirzmann* discloses, in FIG. 3 (reproduced above) “a ground connecting member (300, 320, 310) ... [that] extends from the substrate (100) toward the compensating member (110) directly (contacts by engaging surfaces of 300 and 110) resiliently contacts (by the spring 320) the compensating member (110)” (see O.A., pg. 6).

Thus, the portion of *Hirzmann* which the Examiner alleges to: (1) have some correspondence to the recited “ground connecting member” is a combination of fixing post 300, slot 310 and split washer 320; and (2) have some correspondence to the recited “compensating member” is casing 110.

Accordingly, to disclose the features recited in claim 1, *Hirzmann* must disclose, teach or suggest that the combination of fixing post 300, slot 310 and split washer 320 “extends towards” casing 110, and “directly resiliently contacts” casing 110.

However, as can be clearly seen in FIG. 3 of *Hirzmann*, the combination of fixing post 300, slot 310 and split washer 320 is fixed to casing 110 by a screw, not by any resilient contact. In fact, *Hirzmann* specifically indicates that “fixing posts are separate integrally formed items that are screwed to casing 110” (col. 3, lines 7-9, emphasis added). This mechanical screw connection cannot reasonably be read as being “resilient.”

In fact, the only portion of *Hirzmann* that could be interpreted to provide any kind of resilient contact, split washer 320, is arranged to contact motherboard 100, not casing 110. As it is quite clear that split washer 320 does not contact any portion of casing 110, it cannot reasonably be read as providing a direct resilient contact against casing 110.

Further, Applicant believes the Examiner to be arguing that split washer 320 somehow affects the connection between metallic fixing post 300 and casing 110. This position is inaccurate. The connection between fixing post 300 and casing 110 is provided by screw fastening only.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that rejected independent claims 1 and 13 are patentable over the applied reference. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that rejected dependent claims 2-7, 28, 30 and 34 are allowable, *at least* by virtue of their dependency.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-35 are allowable. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application now is in condition for allowance with all of the claims 1-35.

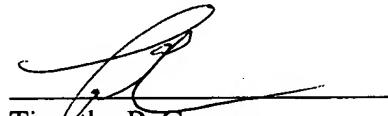
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If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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